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SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is this copy under reference placed in response to the question under discussion or is it only outmoded literature which contains information relating to the Roman Age?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I wish there was a Geological Survey of Madras in the Roman Age. In fact, our knowledge would have improved by this time very much. We are very low in thee filed. However, I may tell the hon. Member we have placed in the Library, the latest report in response to this question.

SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : நம் மாநிலத்தில் கனிப் பொருள் ஆராய்ச்சி இலாகா இதுவரையில் ஆராய்ந்ததில், வெற்றிகரமான முடிவு கண்டிருக்கிறார்களா? அதன் விவரங்களைக் கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன்வருவார்களா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : அதுதான் ஐப்ரெரியில் வைத்திருக்கிறது.

SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : சார், அந்த அறிக்கையிலிருந்து திருச்சி பொன்மலையில் பொன், ஜிப்ஸம் முதலியவைகள் கிடைக்கக் கூடிய வாய்ப்பு இருப்பதாகத் தெரிகிறதா? அந்த ஜிப்ஸத்தை ஆராய்ச்சி செய்து மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு அனுப்பி முடிவு கண்டிருக்கிறார்களா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : ஜிப்ஸம் இருக்கிறது என்று கண்டு பிடித்து இருக்கிறார்கள். பொன் இருக்கிறதா என்பது என்னிடம் இருக்கும் தகவலில் இல்லை. பெயர் பொன்மலை என்பதால் தங்கம் இருக்கலாம்; ஆனால் இப்பொழுது இருக்கும் அறிவை வைத்துக்கொண்டு இல்லை என்று சொல்கிறேன். வருங்காலத்தில், பொன் இருக்கிறதா என்பதை அறிந்து ஆராய்ச்சி கொள்ள வேண்டும். ஆனால், பொன் கிடைக்காது என்று சொல்ல நான் தயார் இல்லை.

Radio isotopes

* 482 Q.—**SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to manufacture radio-isotopes in this State; and

(b) if so, the details of the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I know whether the experiment is being conducted only on cereals and grains with isotopes?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that according to my answer, there is no proposal to manufacture radio isotopes. As I have already stated, there is a proposal to start a Research Centre at Coimbatore relating to the use of this radio isotopes.

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SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I know whether the experiments would be conducted only on cereals and grains and not on other crops? Will the Government consider the desirability of conducting the experiments on chillies, plantains and ground-nuts as we do not have suitable medicines for treating these diseases?

THE HON SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The scheme is yet to be finalised. So, I am sorry I am not in a position to give any specific answer to the hon. Member.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Questions are over.

Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—PRIVILEGE MOTIONS.

(1) MINISTER'S REPLIES TO CERTAIN SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS.

SRI M. KALAYANASUNDARAM : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I wrote to you on a matter of privilege regarding certain remarks made by the Hon. Leader of the House with reference to the High Court and you have not given your consent to me to raise the matter here.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have not given my consent. Therefore, he need not raise the matter now.

SRI M. KALAYANASUNDRAM : I am grateful to you for the light you have thrown on the issue. But

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If the hon. Member wants, he may read my letter.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : I will read it, Sir. It is stated :

"With reference to the notice of matter of privilege relating to certain observations made by the Leader of the House when question No. 421 relating to the observations of the High Court on the District Superintendent of Police of Chingleput, I am to state that under Article 194 of the Constitution a member has freedom of speech in the House subject to the provisions of the Constitution the Rules of Procedure. Accordingly the observations made by the Leader of the House are privileged and they cannot be questioned even in a court of law. Violation of any rule cannot form the basis for referring any matter to Privileges Committee. Any violation of the rules of procedure is dealt with by the Speaker. I, therefore, do not give my consent for raising the matter."

This is your reply and I am grateful to you for that. You were good enough to say that any violation of rules is dealt with by the Speaker.